

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24-31 are pending. By this amendment, claims 25, 26 and 30 are amended.

The amendment to claim 25 provides more positive antecedent basis for the "distance".
The amendments to claims 26 and 30 correct an obvious error by eliminating the double recitation of the "first membrane". Each of claims 26 and 30, by this amendment, now recites a substantially triangularly-shaped frame of resilient material having a first membrane having a first molded inwardly curved rim.

Consideration and entry of these amendments require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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